

SRSU Alpine Faculty Colleagues:

We received a request from several faculty members at RGC to join Faculty Assembly. The Faculty Assembly Executive Committee met with several faculty members from RGC at the end of the Spring 2024 semester, as well as legal counsel, to discuss this possibility.

The easiest way to make this possible is to omit “of the Alpine campus” from the “Name” section of our Faculty Assembly constitution.

NAME. This organization shall be known as the Faculty Assembly of the Alpine campus of Sul Ross State University, hereinafter referred to as the Faculty Assembly or the Faculty.

To help provide context for this proposed change (and help get the discussion rolling), we have summarized some of the main arguments for this change.

Reasons to allow RGC faculty to have membership in the Faculty Assembly:

- The RGC Faculty Senate has not been operating for over a year, preventing RGC faculty members from representation and access to committee and council membership.
- With a joint faculty governance body, we can jointly discuss items that impact all SRSU faculty members and stay updated about all SRSU campuses.
- The increased communication between faculty at all campuses could lead to better collaboration, less duplication, and more efficiency.
- In 2018, SACS had a concern about the lack of a unified faculty body. This would address that concern.
- With virtual meeting platforms, it is easy to include members near and far.